



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Quality of Life, Arts & Culture  
**AGENDA DATE:** May 10, 2023  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** Park & Recreation Department  
**EXECUTIVE:** John D. Jenkins

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a grant award from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) (Grant No. COOP-2023-Dallas-00066) in the amount of \$55,497.00 for the Dallas State Parks Camping and Outdoor Archery Program at Samuell (East) Farm for the period March 1, 2023 through September 1, 2024; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$55,497.00 in the TPWD Community Outdoor Outreach Program Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$55,497.00 in the TPWD Community Outdoor Outreach Program Fund; and **(4)** execution of the grant agreement with TPWD and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$55,497.00 - Financing: Texas Parks and Wildlife Program Grant Funds

### **BACKGROUND**

Authorize the acceptance of a grant award for the CO-OP in the amount of \$55,497.00 from the TPWD for the Outdoor Adventures headquartered at Samuell Farm, 100 US-80, Mesquite, Texas.

The TPWD administers the CO-OP Program Grant. Funding for this program comes from a portion of the state sales tax on sporting goods through the Texas Recreation and Parks Account, the Texas Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account, and from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The CO-OP grant provides funding to tax-exempt organizations for programming that engages under-served populations in TPWD mission-oriented outdoor recreation, conservation and environmental education activities. The funds are used to introduce under-served populations to environmental and conservation programs as well as TPWD's mission-oriented outdoor activities.

Dallas Park & Recreation Department's (DPARD) Outdoor Adventures program began with a CO-OP grant in 2016, and since that time has introduced thousands of urban youth, families, and individuals to outdoor recreation. DPARD will enhance our current program through extended touch points while continuing to reduce barriers to participation.

The first component of the project, the State Parks Camping Program will introduce participants from urban communities to State Parks in Texas by providing weekend camping trips at different state parks. This program will focus on education, providing camping supplies, and support and guidance to enhance the camping experience for all.

The second component of the project is an outdoor archery program for our recreation summer camp participants. This progressive archery program focuses on the fundamentals of archery and necessary skills to successfully participate in the sport.

### **ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT**

Acceptance of the grant	May 2023
Staff Camp Preparations	May-June 2023
Summer Archery Program	June-Aug 2023
2nd and 3rd Quarterly Camping Program	Summer and Fall 2023
1st and 2nd Quarterly Camping Program	Spring and Summer 2024
Complete Project	September 2024

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

On April 20, 2023, the Park and Recreation Board authorized the acceptance of a grant award from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Dallas State Parks Camping and Outdoor Archery Program in the amount of \$55,497.00.

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2023	FY 2024	Future Years
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Community Outdoor Outreach Program Grant Fund	\$55,497.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

### **MAP**

Attached